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Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 53/81 of 4 December 1998, the General Assembly called upon the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary, to continue to inform it periodically of the status of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its Protocols.[1]

2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General submits herewith information on the status of the Convention and its Protocols as at 15 June 1999:

(a) The following 73 States were parties to the Convention and at least two of its Protocols: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yugoslavia;

(b) In accordance with article 8, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention, Amended Protocol II entered into force on 3 December 1998. As of 15 June 1999, 37 States had notified their consent to be bound by it;

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(c) In accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the Convention, Protocol IV entered into force on 30 July 1998. As of 15 June 1999, 39 States had notified their consent to be bound by it.

3. The Secretary-General also submits, in the annex to the present report, information on the action taken in the period under review, that is, from 16 June 1998 to 15 June 1999.

Notes

[1] The Convention, with its Protocols — the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III) — was opened for signature on 10 April 1981 and entered into force on 2 December 1983. The Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention, convened in Vienna from 25 September to 13 October 1995 and in Geneva in resumed sessions from 15 to 19 January and from 22 April to 3 May 1996, adopted the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) on 13 October 1995 and amended Protocol II on 3 May 1996.

The text of the Convention and its original Protocols is reproduced in *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 5, 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII, and in *Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements*, fourth edition, 1992, vol. 1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.IX.11). The texts of amended Protocol II and Protocol IV are reproduced in *Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements*, fifth edition, 1996 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IX.3).

Annex

Action taken during the period from 16 June 1998 to 15 June 1999

A. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its three Protocols

State	*Ratification, acceptance (A) approval (AA) accession (a) or succession (s)*	*Consent to be bound pursuant to article 4, paragraphs 3 and 4 Protocols*		
		I	*II*	*III*
Costa Rica	17 December 1998 (a)	X	X	X

B. Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II)

State	*Consent to be bound*
South Africa	26 June 1998
France	23 July 1998
Austria	27 July 1998
Czech Republic	10 August 1998
Uruguay	18 August 1998
Argentina	21 October 1998
China	4 November 1998
Bulgaria	3 December 1998
Costa Rica	17 December 1998
Italy	13 January 1999
Greece	20 January 1999
United Kingdom	11 February 1999
Pakistan	9 March 1999
Belgium	10 March 1999
Netherlands	25 March 1999
Portugal	31 March 1999
United States	24 May 1999

C. Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV)

State	*Consent to be bound*
South Africa	26 June 1998
France	30 June 1998
Austria	27 July 1998
Czech Republic	10 August 1998
Uruguay	18 August 1998
Argentina	21 October 1998
China	4 November 1998
Bulgaria	3 December 1998
Costa Rica	17 December 1998
Italy	13 January 1999
United Kingdom	11 February 1999
Belgium	10 March 1999
Netherlands	25 March 1999
Mongolia	6 April 1999